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## Turkey's F. M. meets Bakr

BAGDAD, Feb. 5 (R). — Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil and Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakr met here today and reviewed the development of economic, social and technical cooperation between their countries, the Iraq News Agency reported.

Mr. Caglayangil arrived here yesterday for a five-day visit.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi and the Turkish Ambassador here, Nazif Gohroc, also attended today's talks, the Agency said.

## Turkish OK's Vienna talks

ANKARA, Feb. 5 (R). — Turkish Cypriot leader Nikos Denktash has accepted a call by the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for the resumption of Cyprus peace talks in Vienna on January 17, Turkish Foreign Ministry officials said today.

Denktash will leave Ankara for talks with Greek Cypriot leaders on his way to Vienna the Foreign Ministry said.

He said Denktash will call at Ankara for talks with the committees of Greek and Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia to work out details of the Vienna talks.

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## Capucci protests Israeli measures

TRIPOLI, LIBYA, Feb. 5, (Agencies). — Jailed Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem Hilarion Capucci has accused the Israelis of profaning Christ's birthplace, in a message received here.

The message, sent to the current Christian-Islamic conference here from the Israeli prison cell where the prelate is serving a 12-year sentence for allegedly smuggling arms, also criticised an Israeli court ruling permitting Jews to pray in Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque.

"The attempt to encroach on the Al Aqsa Mosque can only create hatred, resentment and discord," Archbishop Capucci declared.

The Libyan-sponsored conference, which opened Sunday, is aimed at sponsoring understanding and co-operation between Christians and Moslems.

Archbishop Capucci was found guilty by an Israeli court in December 1974 of smuggling in a quantity of arms.

## As people trickle back to Lebanon

### Franjeh, Karami to Damascus Saturday

BEIRUT, Feb. 5 (Agencies). — Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh will visit Damascus on Saturday for summit talks with Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad — a crucial step in Syrian-led efforts to cement Lebanon's two-week ceasefire — it was announced here today.

A brief statement from the President's office said Mr. Franjeh would be accompanied by Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

## Egyptian mediator says

### Algeria, Morocco agree on West Sahara "dialogue"

CAIRO, Feb. 5 (Agencies). — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak said here today that Algerian and Moroccan leaders had agreed to refrain from fighting and initiate a political dialogue on their dispute over the Western Sahara.

Mr. Mubarak has been shuttling for the past week between the Moroccan and Algerian capitals.

He did not say when, where or at what level the proposed dialogue would take place, but the semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper said the foreign ministers of the two states were

due to meet shortly. Mr. Mubarak said the leaders of Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania agreed with Egypt on the need to avoid "further fighting and Arab bloodletting... throughout my week-long stay not a single drop of blood was shed."

"We have also prepared the proper climate for direct contact between the parties concerned to return to brotherly relations," he said.

The Vice-President added that Egypt would remain prepared to take part in such negotiations. ((Continued on back page))

## Parliament grants King Hussein power to postpone elections

AMMAN. — Jordan's two houses of parliament, Thursday approved an amendment to article 73 of the constitution empowering His Majesty King Hussein to postpone elections indefinitely.

Parliament also added an article to the constitution, which states that in the event of "exceptional circumstances necessitating a constitutional amendment during the period of postponement" of the general elections, "the King, acting on a decision by the cabinet, shall have the right to call for an extra-ordinary session of the previous parliament to that end."

The 60-member Lower House, which includes representatives from the Israeli-occupied West Bank, was dissolved in November, 1974 in compliance with a resolution of the Seventh Arab Summit in Rabat.

The King reiterated support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) during Thursday's meeting with members of parliament at the Royal Court.

The cabinet has decided, and the King has agreed,

that there will be no new elections to the Lower House. The old House will be revived and called on to exercise its former legislative powers.

Addressing parliament, Premier Zeid Rifai said a decision to hold general elections still stood but these would take place at the appropriate time.

Justifying the indefinite postponement, Mr. Rifai said: "Holding general elections in compliance with the Rabat resolution requires legal measures averting elections in the West Bank."

"The enemy (Israel) is certainly in favour of such elections, for use as a pretext to persist in its professed political designs," he added.

"Accordingly, the holding of the elections would harm the Palestinian cause at a time when we are trying to consolidate Arab ranks in the interest of this cause," the Premier said.

Many of the West Bank representatives in the Lower House were here for the session.

## Italian Socialists clear way for new Moro government

ROME, Feb. 4 (R). — The Socialist Party today cleared the way for a solution to Italy's month-old political crisis by deciding not to oppose a minority government headed by Pri-

mo Minister designate Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat leader.

This assurance was vital to Signor Moro's chances of putting together a cabinet since, in present circumstances, no Italian government can survive in the face of opposition from the Socialists, Italy's third largest party.

The Socialists' decision means they would abstain in parliamentary votes on legislation put forward by a Moro government. This would be enough to guarantee Signor Moro's Christian Democrats a majority.

Such a compromise falls short

## UK warships return to Icelandic waters as cod war continues

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AFP). — The British government today ordered the Royal Navy frigates Juno and Diomedes back to Icelandic waters to protect British trawlers operating there, the Defence Ministry announced.

The two ships had been patrolling outside Iceland's 200-mile fishing limits.

The Icelandic gunboat Baldur earlier Thursday cut the nets of the Hull, northeast England, trawler Loch Eriboll, operating inside Iceland's unilaterally-declared 200-mile fishing limits, the coastguard announced in Reykjavik.

On Tuesday, British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan warned, following the break-down

of what the Christian Democrats had originally called for — outright support from the Socialists.

Signor Moro has yet to say whether he wants to go ahead with his government forming efforts, after the Socialists have removed the major obstacle in his path.

The Socialists took their decision on the basis of a set of proposals put forward by Signor Moro last night to restore the economic situation. These include a 12-month freeze on top salaries, 2,000,000 million lire (£1,500 million) in new taxes, and measures to revitalise Italian industry.

The Socialists said today that though these proposals failed to meet their demands, they would not oppose a Moro cabinet "given the need to provide the country with a government at a time of serious economic and monetary crisis."



SOCIALIST LEADERS. — Francesco de Martino (right) and Pietro Nenni (left), Secretary-General and Chairman respectively of the Italian Socialist Party, leave party headquarters in Rome Friday after they agreed to a minority Christian Democrat government. (AP wirephoto).

## French-Somali war of words rages after bus highjacking

PARIS, Feb. 5, (AFP). — According to the French government version of the affair, it added that Somali troops opened fire following the operation by the sharpshooters and the Somali Embassy here said today.

An embassy communique said the Mogadishu government was calling an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council on the "barbarous effects" of this "aggression."

Somalia also asked for a U.N. on-the-spot investigation. The communique said the casualties occurred yesterday when French troops stormed a bus, parked near Loyada on the frontier, in which guerrillas of the Somali Coast Liberation Front (FLCS) were holding 31 French school children hostage.

France yesterday also asked for a Security Council meeting on the incident, in which French police marksmen shot dead six FLCS guerrillas.

French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues denied that Loyada had been destroyed and said there was no "armed action" against Somali territory.

In an interview with the private Monte Carlo French Radio station, the Minister said the most that had happened was that the troops went into Somalia in the immediate area of the frontier post for "a minute or two."

There, they seized arms which had been used against them, Mr. Sauvagnargues said. "This happened very quickly. There was no armed action against Somali territory."

On Somalia's complaint to the Security Council, the Minister said: ((Continued on back page))

## FNLA chief: Angola is Soviet Union's Vietnam

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 5, passes the American commitment in Vietnam. Luanda is Soviet Union's Vietnam, National Liberation Front (FNLA) leader Holden Roberto predicted today.

In an interview with the South African troops were aiding the FNLA or had ever helped them and said there were no white mercenaries fighting on the northern fronts with his troops.

He said: "Have you seen South Africans in the FNLA?"

He said: "I consider the Soviet involvement already sur-



SOVIET TANK. — A Soviet-built T-34 tank manned by Cuban troops dominates a road junction in the Angolan capital of Luanda.

House of Representatives 435 members of whom voted a bill in December denying federal subsidies to any airport to let the Concorde

small



## A family affair

The current trip of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin to the United States should not be taken for much more than the inherent publicity factor that pervades the visit of any Israeli political leader to the United States. This one is even more glaring because Mr. Rabin is flying around the country making speeches and raising money, while his substantive political discussions with U.S. leaders are taking something of the back seat.

This is all part of the special relationship that exists between the U.S. and Israel. It is, in essence, a symbiotic relationship, with the Israelis getting the better end of the deal. The Israelis enjoy something of an open line of credit from the American government, and a similarly bountiful aid pipeline from the American people.

For their part, the Americans say they stand behind Israel for some indigenous capacity to help the party they view as an underdog in any conflict. The Israelis understand this and persist in making speeches in front of American audiences about how the hundreds of millions of Arabs are surrounding the little state of Israel. The American public swallows the line year after year.

What the U.S. gets for its support of Israel is the perpetuation and entrenchment of the single most disruptive factor in the Middle East — the state of Israel, and a state of Israel that has continuously expanded since the first waves of Jewish settlers came to the area in the early 20th century.

In the context of international colonialism and imperialism, the state of Israel is a prime tool that outsiders use to keep the Middle East in turmoil. It has always been and continues to be the main factor that thwarts the development of Arab nationalist movements.

It is something of a seasonal rite for Israeli state leaders to travel throughout the United States and tell the paternal partner that the child is in danger, and needs more support. This is what Mr. Rabin is doing this week.

There have been recent signs that the United States may be ready to reassess the relationship with Israel. This will not lead to a family break, and the U.S. will not disown Israel. But viewed within the sweeping historical context of the past 50 years, the Americans may be ready to sit down and conduct some hard filial bargaining, which is one reason why Mr. Rabin is doing more travelling and less talking.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

One thing that His Majesty liberation of all the occupied the King did not hammer out yesterday during his meeting with the reconvened parliament was Jordan's role in projected Middle East settlement plans, Al-Rai said in its editorial.

The paper said this was due to the fact that King Hussein does not think that Jordan has a role to play in isolation from the other Arab countries, whether at Geneva or anywhere else.

Jordan's actions will come as part and parcel of concerted Arab action, and will be in keeping with this country's support for the Palestine Liberation Organization and its recognition of the PLO's rights to sole representation.

The address by His Majesty Wednesday reflected his deep understanding of the conflict with the Zionist enemy and his vision for the future the paper said.

Primarily, the meeting was held to amend the constitution since parliamentary elections cannot be held and it is unthinkable to override the constitution which is respected by all.

The King emphasised the dangers and difficulties that beset our people in the West Bank of the Jordan in view of the oppressive practices of the Israeli occupation authorities.

He called for increased support and solidarity with West Bank citizens leading to the Arab stand.



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The Lower House of parliament and cabinet ministers as seen at Thursday's extraordinary session.

## Agricultural production council to be set up

AMMAN. — Steps are being taken for the formation of a higher production council for agricultural development.

The council will be responsible for policy-making and planning for agricultural development in Jordan, within the general framework of economic and social developmental plans.

It will also advise on ways to increase production, formulate marketing policy, and supervise food security.

## Delegation leaves for Cairo media conference

AMMAN. — The future phase of "Arab information media moves" will be the main theme of discussion at the forthcoming conference of Arab information ministers to be held in Cairo on February 15.

A Jordanian delegation headed by the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Culture and Information, Mr. Dia'eddin Rifai, left Thursday for Cairo to attend the preparatory meetings of the conference.

The meetings will discuss the agenda of the conference and study a memorandum on Arab information media for facing the Zionist campaign against the U.N. resolution which equated Zionism with racism.

The delegation will also attend the meetings of the Arab information ministers' council, which will be held immediately after the preparatory meetings.

The Jordanian delegation comprises the Public Relations Advisor at the Ministry of Culture and Information, Mr. Peter Salah; the Director of Jordan

## India postpones general elections for one year

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4, (R). —

The Indian government today prolonged its hold on power through a bill postponing general elections for one year. Opposition speakers attacked the move as undemocratic and unjustified.

The bill was passed by the Lok Sabha (Lower House) by 165 votes to 20 with only about one-third of its members present.

It extends the present mandate of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party government for a sixth year by putting off elections scheduled by March 18 this year.

Mr. Gokhale said the country was faced with a "grave crisis" last June and the situation was not yet normal. Subversive forces were still lying low and it had to be made sure these forces never raised their heads again.

## Tourism Ministry plans water skiing, artistic festivals

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Tourism has made arrangements to hold an international water skiing festival in Aqaba on the Red Sea.

The Ministry also has plans to hold artistic festivals annually in the historical Roman city of Jerash and on the beaches of the Dead Sea.

## Work starts on agricultural coop's building in Jerash

JERASH. — The Director-General of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation, Mr. Merwan Doudin, Thursday laid the corner stone of the Agricultural Cooperative Society's building in the Jerash area.

The building will cost some J.D. 20,000, which will be provided as a loan by the Cooperative Organisation.

The head of the Jerash Agricultural Cooperative said that during the Five-Year Development Plan his society expects to provide services for not less than 1,000 farmers in the area, who represent 75 per cent of the total agricultural produce in the area.

## Three new firms blacklisted Jordan invite join U.S. flower garden

AMMAN. — The Minister of Finance and Customs has banned all dealings with a number of foreign firms for contravening the Arab boycott of Israel.

The blacklisted firms are Naishebo (Japanese), now called Antakia, the Italian Leyland group and Monsato (Canadian) along with all its subsidiaries.

The Minister also lifted the ban on the British firm Granam and the American Catler Hammar Company after having received proof that the above firms had severed all dealings with Israel.

AMMAN. — Jordan invited to participate in the United Nations World Academy for the International Horticulture Association in the United States, offering to space in the general which the association to plant with roses decorative plants from participant country.

## Swiss parliamentary delegation on

AMMAN. — A nine-member Swiss parliamentary delegation Talhouni, representing various political parties will arrive in Amman Friday upon the invitation of the Speaker of the Upper House of the Jordanian officials.

## Got something going

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If you are involved in any such happening know of an upcoming event, please call the Jordanian Times on any day except Sunday, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for publication in the following day's paper.

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## Soviet gymnasts: a young but talented group



Natalya Krashennikova who was 20 this year is a student at the physical training department of the Teachers Training Institute in Stavropol, the North Caucasus. Natalya Krashennikova is distinguished for her composure during performances at responsible competitions, and her tireless energy.



Fine physique and skill, quite amazing for her age distinguish Kiev schoolgirl Irina Deryugina is champion Soviet Union and the USSR Cup winner in modern

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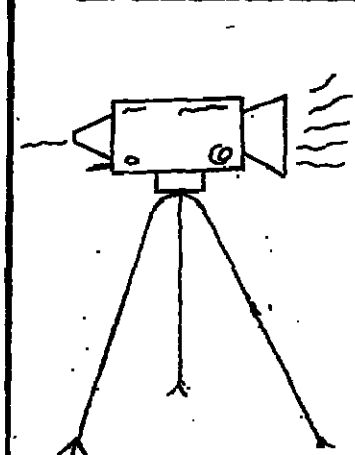
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## British Minister calls for abolition of Berlin Wall

AMMAN, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Mr. Mason said Western defence ministers "feared" that after a SALT agreement and an accord in Vienna, the Soviet Union would launch a "peace offensive" that would make it hard for them to maintain collective security.

This offensive would involve lessening tensions in the West and would also enable the Soviet Union to concentrate on "the gradual encirclement of China," he said.

## EEC puts similar trade proposals to Syria

BRUSSELS, Feb. 4 (R). — Syria today opened negotiations here for its first trade agreement with the European Common Market, officials said.

They said the EEC's executive commission, mandated by the nine member states, presented the same offer to Syrian Ambassador Ammar Jammal as the community put to his Jordanian and Egyptian colleagues during recent parallel trade negotiations.

Under the EEC offer Syria would receive technical and industrial assistance, as well as better terms for exporting its agricultural and industrial goods to EEC markets.

Egypt and Jordan have demanded financial aid as well, and the officials said Syria was expected to present a similar claim when the talks resumed here tomorrow.

## Portugal gets big loan from European countries

LISBON, Feb. 5, (AFP). — West Germany, Switzerland and Norway have granted Portugal loans totalling \$ 320 million it was announced here today.

A West German loan of \$ 250 million has been granted for six months, renewable three times. It will be backed by Portuguese gold.

The Swiss loan is for \$ 50 million and is also backed by Portuguese gold.

Norway has granted a loan of \$ 20 million. Monetary sources said it was possible that France would provide credit but the amount was still to be decided.



IRANIAN TEAM. — Members of the Iranian team at the Innsbruck Winter Olympics march into the stadium Thursday during the opening ceremonies. (AP wirephoto).

## Malik : Fretilin has no power in East Timor

JAKARTA, Feb. 5, (AFP). — The whole of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor is now under the control of the pro-Indonesian provisional government in the capital of Dili, Foreign Minister Adam Malik said here today.

He said that the fact that U.N. special envoy Wispere Guicciardi had to ask the

## Government takes strong measures to protect lira

ROME, Feb. 5 (AFP). — The Italian government last night decided three main measures to halt the lira's slide, estimated at 11 or 12 per cent since Jan. 20 when the foreign exchange market was suspended.

The measures are:

1. An increase in the minimum deposits of commercial banks with the central bank.
2. A cut in the period companies have to use foreign currency earned from exports.
3. Special accounts for immigrant workers to deposit their wages in foreign currency.

At the same time, Premier Aldo Moro proposed to parties of the former majority that an austerity programme be initiated.

This would include a counter-inflation tax on company profits, a freezing for one year of company directors' remunerations and curbs on state spending. Selling prices would also be controlled.

## South Vietnam census starts to prepare for united parliament

HONG KONG, Feb. 5, (AFP). — A three-day census started in South Vietnam today to prepare electoral lists for the National Assembly election that will mark the reunification of North and South Vietnam.

A Radio Saigon broadcast monitored here assured listeners there was no other motive for the census.

Former military and civilian employees of the Nguyen Van Thieu regime in political re-education camps will declare themselves to be residing there, rather than with their families, the broadcast said.

Foreigners living permanently in South Vietnam will also be "permitted to declare themselves," the radio added.

## Former Greek leaders face another death sentence

ATHENS, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Former Greek president George Papadopoulos will appear before a criminal court on March 1 charged with the murder of a young Athenian girl, Maria Kalavrou, during the military coup of April 21, 1967 which brought him to power.

Appearing with him will be former Premiers Stylianos Pattakos and Nicolas Makarezos.

All three are already under sentence of death for leading the coup, though the sentences have been suspended until a decision is made over whether they will be commuted.

Ex-colonel Theodoros Yannakos will also appear on March 1 charged with involvement in the military coup.

## Jerusalem Post :

## Rabin wants US personnel out of Sinai

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5 (AFP). — Israeli newspapers reported today that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wanted the United States to withdraw its civilian technicians from Sinai, but a government spokesman swiftly denied the reports.

## U.S. wheat harvest threatened by drought

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4, (AFP). — The drought affecting several farming regions in the United States is increasingly threatening the next wheat harvest, a document published by the department of agriculture said today.

The department believed that the 1976 crop would be smaller than that of last year (58,000,000 tons), unless the situation improved rapidly.

The report stressed that winter wheat, which represents three quarters of the total produced in this country, has not been able to germinate properly because of the lack of humidity. Moreover, if in addition snow or rain are further retarded the harvest will also be threatened by the wind, which will blow away soil in the spring.

The wheat crop in western Kansas has been particularly hard hit by the drought.

## Rockefeller might run if Reagan about to best Ford

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller has not ruled out the possibility of standing for the Republican presidential nomination this year, according to reports here today. He was reported as saying at a private reception at his home yesterday that the situation was "very fluid."

He added, "I withdrew as Vice-President. My statement included the vice-presidency only, as to availability, beyond that I have no plans."

Observers here took his remarks to suggest that he might enter the race for the Republican presidential nomination if President Ford looked like losing it to Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Rockefeller, however, has often said that he expects President Ford to win the nomination and that if he does he will support him.

## British ministers have plans for industry

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey confirmed to employers and trade union leaders today that he intended to make known a substantial package of anti-unemployment measures in the House of Commons next week.

These he said, would stimulate investment and training for jobs. Stocks of some manufactured goods would be set up.

The chancellor was speaking at a meeting of the National Development Council.

At the same time, Minister of Trade Peter Shore demanded a special effort to step up in Britain the production of goods at present imported.

Manufactured goods worth \$24 billion were imported last year.

If only 5 per cent of these purchases were produced in this country, it would give a powerful impetus to expanding the national economy, Mr. Shore asserted.

## Pig farm to solve Vientiane meat problems

VIENTIANE, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Vientiane authorities today announced that they will establish a pig raising farm to supply the city's meat market which has been closed for nearly two months.

A spokesman for the city's economic bureau said the farm will produce 600 pigs to begin with. Its maximum capacity will be 40,000 animals.

The farm will be located about nine kms south of the city and will be managed by the city's administrative committee.

## NATO Secretary General worried about Angola

OTTAWA, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Minister James Richardson, NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns said he was satisfied with Canada's increased participation in NATO's defence effort. He noted with particular satisfaction the Canadian government's decision to purchase a new type of tank and 18 long-range reconnaissance planes of the Lockheed P 3 model.

Mr Luns said that the presence of Canadian troops in West Germany, although limited, was a mark of Canada's confidence in its European partners. Clearly, Canada's military presence in Europe was not disinterested since if Canada were threatened Europe was also threatened.

Referring to his talks on Tuesday and Wednesday with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Defence

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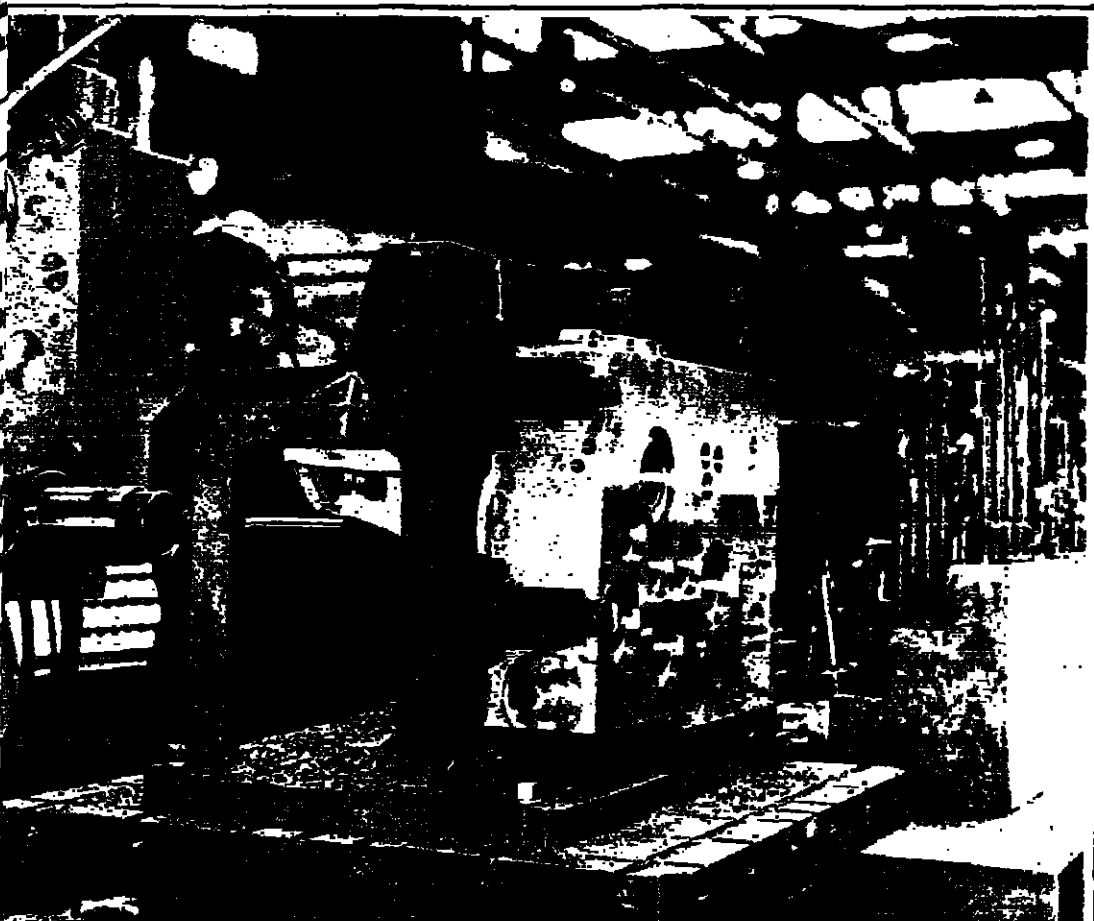
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INDUSTRY FOR IRAN. — In the Birmingham factory of a British machine tool maker, the front control bracket for a type 2MK milling machine is finished on a numerically controlled machining centre. The milling machine is part of a £7 million contract for 1980 to be made in Britain by the Industrial Development and Renovation Organisation of Iran, which will help to establish an Iranian machine tool industry.

## World-wide gold smuggling flourishes

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP). — Every year "at least" 700 tons of gold bullion (equal to South Africa's annual production) are smuggled across the world's borders into the major Mediterranean Indian, Middle and Far Eastern markets, according to an article in the ETAL bulletin monthly.

The influential British trade journal, which has based its enquiry on Charter Consolidated's famous 1969 report on gold pointed out that much of the smuggling was for private hoarding.

Of total West European consumption, jewellery accounts for 58 per cent, pure industrial application for 5 per cent, dentistry 4 per cent and firm hoarding 33 per cent.

In France, where there is an "insatiable appetite for gold," non-monetary demand probably averaged 300 tons in the years 1968/1974.

"The recent world recession and inflation may have provoked even larger private purchases," the journal added.

The Swiss, the world's leading refiners of non-monetary gold, are said to have handled 500 tons in 1974 and were ready to cast any shape requested by "certain clients."

The "Savonette" (soap bar), preferred by smugglers travelling from Zurich by land to France or the ten-tola "biscuit" favoured by those travelling to the Middle East for their 30 kilo capacity cassettes.

In the Middle East, gold is very much part of the public monetary system. "The principal nodal points are Beirut, Kuwait and Dubai."

Beirut is considered the major smuggling centre for the Middle East, as it is surrounded by countries which do not permit the importation of gold. It is still a supplier for the Far East and trades as far afield as Curacao, Nigeria and, on one occasion even Finland. Its largest market is Turkey.

However, the Arab attitude to gold is less reverent than the Indian and they are not prepared to buy at any price.

During 1975 business through Beirut is reported to have been "drastically down."

Kuwait's supplies come primarily through the Swiss banks although it has lost its prominence in recent years with the increase of oil revenues. Its main markets are now Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and, to a limited extent, India.

## British industry shows recent export increases

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP). — The slight increase in confidence within British industry over the past few weeks is confirmed by the latest quarterly survey issued by the Confederation of British Industry.

The probe, involving more than two thousand firms, reveals an improvement in export sales, chiefly in the sector of light industry and particularly in textiles and chemicals.

In fact, exporters are today as optimistic as in the Autumn jump of 1973 just ahead of the big miners' strike and the oil price.

The competitive edge given by the pound sterling still seems to be less than it might be, in spite of an eight per cent de facto devaluation in a year under the floatin gexchange rate system.

But another major handicap to sales abroad, long delivery times, had virtually disappeared. In this respect Britain has never been so competitive since the surveys started, 11 years ago.

On the domestic market, things have been looking up in the past four months. Although order books are still getting thinner in the sphere of capital equipment even though the slow down is not so great, elsewhere the picture is brighter, particularly for chemicals.

The production decline seems to have levelled although it is true that 78 per cent of firms were working below capacity last month against 73 per cent in Oct. and 61 per cent in Jan. 1975.

But only five per cent of firms report an output decline in the four months.

At the time of the previous probe, the figure was 25 per cent. By next May a bottoming-out should have occurred.

Stocks reduction continued during the four months covered by the survey, but more slowly than before. A recovery appears under way in motors, paper and consumer goods.

There is more confidence about investment. Capital spending will continue declining in the first half of this year but a turnaround is likely in the second half. The 1976 drop as a whole is forecast as eight per cent.

The employment scene remains grim. The confederation expects a further rise in joblessness during the coming four months, and a less pronounced increase towards the end of the year.

The confederation's view is that priority must still be given to fighting inflation.

It would be premature and dangerous to depress the economic accelerator at this stage, it declares.

## Portuguese factories - back to the bosses

LISBON, Feb. 5 (AFP). — The bosses are moving back into Portuguese industry—at least in some companies.

The government decided to end state intervention in Textile Manuel Goncalves, which is returned to its former owner Manuel Goncalves.

The decision came after a majority vote by the workers.

The firm is the largest textile company in the country with headquarters at Famalicao near Oporto, and employs four thousand people. It has a big export business.

Last July the government had appointed an administrative board, Mr. Goncalves and his family quit the country for Spain.

## Massive banking loans to finance North Sea oil

LONDON, Feb. 5 (R). — An international banking consortium is providing a \$315 million loan to finance development of Britain's North Sea Oil reserves.

The loan agreement signed yesterday in London marks renewed interest in the North Sea by international banks, government sources said it showed that banking interests had not been put off by Britain's policies on taxation and state participation in the oil industry.

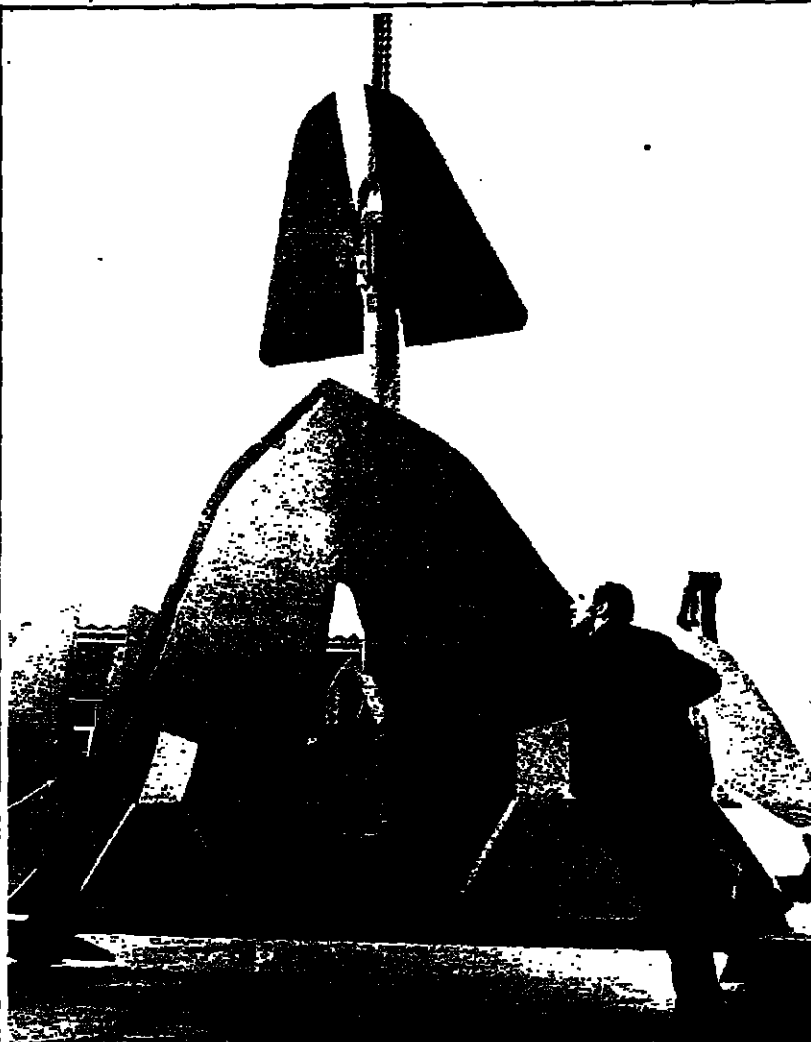
A consortium headed by the International Energy Bank and the Republic National Bank of Dallas is providing \$75 million to Occidental Petroleum Group and a further \$100 million to

Thomson North Sea to finance the development of the two organisations' share of the Claymore field.

The accord involves the adoption in Britain of the U.S. principle of using one oil field as security for a loan on another.

Both Thomson and Occidental are in effect using their holdings in the larger Piper field to secure collateral for the Claymore field.

A separate loan of \$40 million is being made to Thomson by a syndicate of banks led by the Royal Bank of Canada. This can be used for the development of either the Claymore or Piper fields.



**NEW ERA IN ANCHORAGE.** — The new 'Hook' super high power holding anchors — available in sizes from 5 to 60 tonnes and capable of holding up to 50 times their own weight — are being manufactured by a British company in south east England. They can be adjusted to suit various seabed conditions by altering slightly the design of the fluke. A second fluke can also be added to increase power, promote faster penetration, give a steeper pulling angle and further reduce the danger of dragging.

## U.S. shareholders demand companies halt bribes

NEW YORK, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Ten Protestant and Catholic organisations have presented a draft resolution to ten large U.S. companies in which they hold shares, calling on them to halt the payment of bribes and political contributions.

Several other companies, including Goodyear, Phelps, Dodge, IBM and ITT, have been asked to explain their policy in South Africa.

A resolution has also been sent to the General Motors board urging it to ensure that workmen in its Chile concerns are recruited without government intervention.

Such practices, the Rev. Howard Schomer of the United Church of Christ said, were a form of neocolonialist intervention in the political life of foreign countries.

Companies involved include Exxon (Esso), Ford Motors, Gulf Oil, Northrop and United Brands.

Things are changing at Martins and Rebelo, a dairy firm.

Last week the government dismissed the administrative committee and named a new manager, Vitor Moia, nephew of the former boss.

One of the first things he did was to ban a press conference by the outgoing committee who intended to reply to charges that it had run the firm badly.

At Fascar, a big manufacturer of steel and plastic tubes, a staff meeting has drawn up a document laying down terms for the return of the former management.

These terms relate to minimum wages, a joint works committee worker control over output and the absence of sackings.

A trade union source said the former management refuses to agree these conditions. The ball is now apparently in the government's court.

Fascar near Oporto employs a thousand people. It was taken over by the state last May at the request of the staff.

Finally, some members of the administrative committees have been removed by the government in a number of transport firms.

Trade Union leaders believe they might be replaced by members of the families that owned the companies.

The trade unionists are in touch with the government and are asking for this not to happen.

## Economist stresses danger of low liquidity states

PARIS, Feb. 5 (AFP). — The Western economy is in danger of "generalised stop and go" in years to come, French economist Jacques Attali said in an article published by the newspaper Le Monde.

If the type of growth in the West is not changed in the coming five years, by 1980 the number of jobs in industry throughout Europe would decline, and the services sector would not be able to absorb this under-employment.

He forecast that companies seeking higher returns would speed up the replacement of labour by capital, resulting in a higher capital investment per unit product as demand fell. This meant a drop in the effectiveness of capital spending and a fall in competitiveness.

"Without an anticipation of fast sustained growth in national and international demand, output levels in an unplanned economy cannot be maintained, and the stop and go process will become generalized," he said.

Borrowing by companies had increased substantially. In France company debt had risen eleven-fold in a decade and was now four years' cash flow.

In the U.S. net profit was now only four times the interest burden against nine times a few years ago.

There was no means today of "recreating freedom to borrow, in view of the growing insolvency of the financial system and the size of capital needs."

Companies were asking for more "crutches" in order to invest. Measures included a devaluation of currency in the case of France, the "fiscalisation" of social charges in Italy, a drop in real wages in West Germany,

## Exporters expect acceptance of in bank loans

TOKYO, Feb. 5 (AFP). — Major industrial countries shortly sign an agreement, giving special bank loan facilities, in order to avoid competition on markets, the newspaper Shimbun said today.

The Japanese government had in principle agreed United States proposal effect. The idea was at the six-nation R monetary talks last N

Under the U.S. preferential government to bank loans with periods of more than would have their interest raised from the present cent to 8 per cent.

The present rate was in Oct. 1974 by the U.S. West Germany, Britain, Italy and Canada.

The newspaper said the agreement to this month, but it at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) against it on the ground would hit Japan's who are already suffering the recession.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed easier Thursday, and at 15:00 hrs the F.T. Index was down 2.3 at 412.2.

Early small gains among leaders were not held owing to lack of interest, dealers said.

Government bonds were dull and closed with net falls of 1/16 to 1/8. Dealers said there was some apprehension about further interest rate reductions. A one quarter per cent cut in the Bank of England minimum lending rate Friday is being discounted.

Gold shares and Australians were steady to mixed. Dollar stocks were inclined easier.

Fisons came back 10p while Glaxo lost 5p. Other big names eased between a penny and 3p. Decca was 12p lower after lower half year profits.

Oils lost up to 4p while banks lost between 2p and 7p. Second liners followed the general trend.

A bid approach from European Ferries lifted Felixstowe Dock and Railway to a high of 155p (134) before falling to 148p on profit-taking. European Ferries was 1-1/2p down at 76.

## California doctors end go-slow against insurance premiums

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Thousands of California doctors went back to full-time working today after a 35-day go-slow to protest at what they called excessive insurance premiums covering them in cases of alleged malpractice.

Since U.S. courts started awarding damages to the victims of medical negligence that ran into millions of dollars, insurance companies have upped premiums for doctors. According to one source, some doctors pay more than \$30,000 a year to protect themselves against the consequences of a lawsuit.

More than half—23,000 out of 41,000—of the doctors in South California took part in the slowdown, but a spokesman said they worked in rotation and no seriously ill person was ever in danger.

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# Preserving the Palestinian nation's culture

(Continued from yesterday's paper)  
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Kawar wearing a dress from Isdoud, near Gaza. The only...  
The dress is typical of the area, with coins giving a necklace

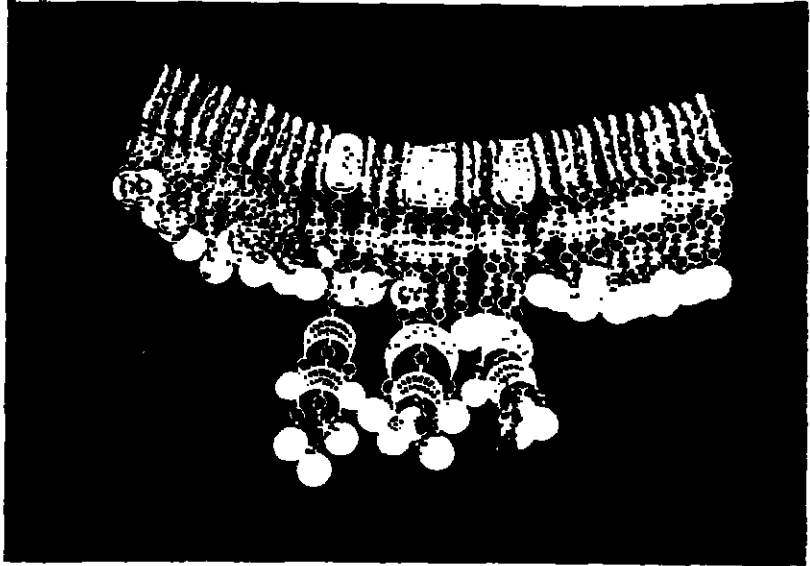
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nian culture.

The Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico has sent out an expert to Mrs Kawar and information has also been sought by the Oslo Museum, Norway which has a collection of dresses donated by United Nations personnel who had been stationed in this area.

To preserve the past is Mrs Kawar's primary concern and she is only too happy to lend her collection to museums around the world, where the fabrics will be carefully treated and handled, helping to preserve them for future generations.

The revival and continuation of traditional handicrafts also concerns her, and in her capacity as Vice-President of the Jordan Crafts Council, Wedad Kawar is working with her colleagues towards encouraging local craftsmen and helping them to market their work. Three years ago, a group of American University of Beirut graduates formed the Jordan Crafts Centre for this purpose, and since then the Jordan Crafts Council was founded following an exhibit in Canada of silver, weaving and costumes.

Now affiliated with the World Crafts Council, the Jordan branch recognises the need



A Bridal necklace, about 1910, made from Maria Theresa silver dollars.

and its a happy family involvement linking the past, present and future. Perhaps it is best symbolised by the exquisite piece of Bethlehem embroidery framed on the wall of Mrs Kawar's home, the clocks of time, the tree of life and the generations of children, with the thought that all that is good from the past will be preserved for the future.

It is hoped that a Museum of Palestinian Crafts will be started one day with a permanent exhibition of the rich and colourful embroideries and silverwork of the past—in the meantime here in Amman, is a treasury of Palestinian handicrafts, collected, preserved and researched by Mrs Wedad Kawar.

# 15th Century Instruments Live Again

By Lina Gress  
Special to the Jordan Times  
"The past which we can hardly recall now becomes life in a unique way." So says Karl Wolfram, the German bass baritone, who is on his second visit to Jordan, to give concerts and appear on television.

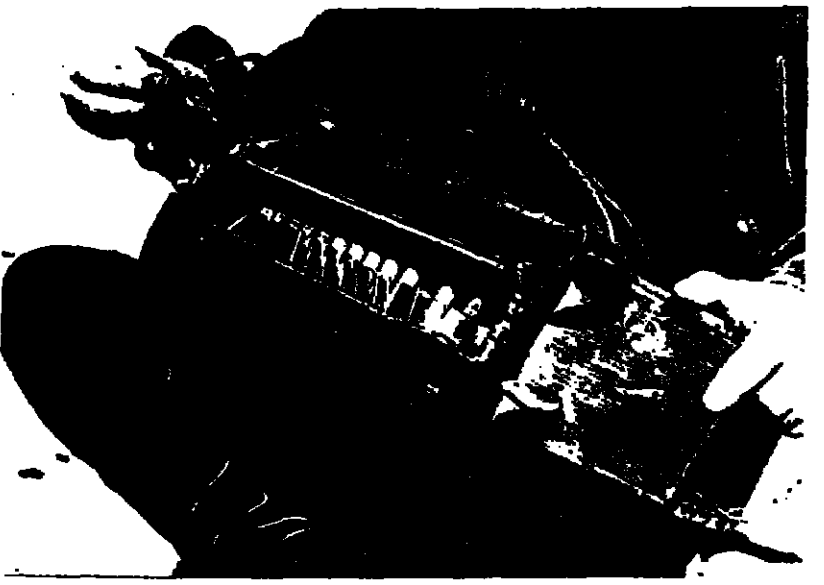
500 year old instruments are the favourites of Wolfram who uses them to accompany the "Love Wine and Death" themes of his extensive repertoire. His collection of songs covers a range of items from the 12th right up to the 20th century.



Karl Wolfram playing his lute-like Theorbe. (Photo by Dr. Glade, Goethe Institute).

Using his old instruments, one feels that he makes these old songs sound as they probably did in their original form. His favourite instrument is the Radleier, which means wheel and lyre. Unlike the lute the Theorbe has a long straight neck which makes it possible to make the bass strings long and thin, so they produce a clearer note than those of the lute which are short and thick.

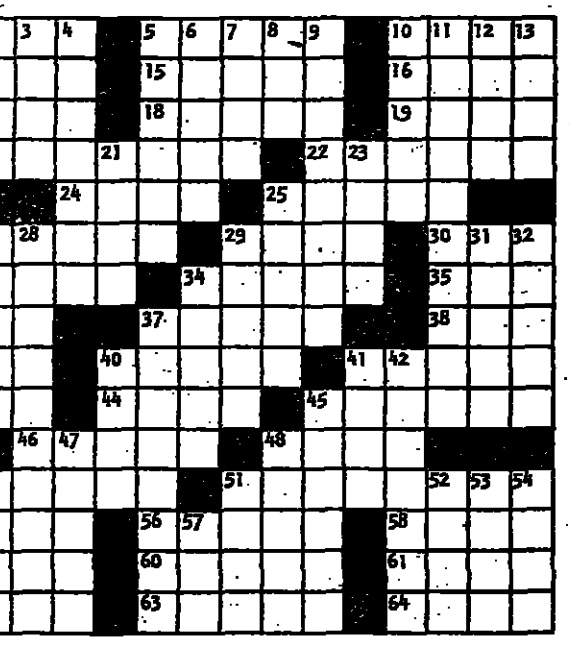
This instrument has three strings and a wheel. With one of Wolfram's singing backed by hand Wolfram turns the wheel these beautiful instruments, ma-



The Radleier, with its handle and wooden keys. (Photo by Dr. Glade, Goethe Institute).

which acts like the bow of a ke him a 20th century "Troubadour" violin on the strings, while the dour" come to life, able to comother hand plays the little wo-pete well with the electronic oden pieces under the strings, sounds of modern times.

## Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Cast off
  - 5 World holder
  - 10 Crustacean
  - 14 Treaty acronym
  - 15 College in upstate New York
  - 16 Tribe of Israel
  - 17 River islands
  - 18 Actress Jessica
  - 19 Chilled
  - 20 Strain
  - 22 Proprietors
  - 24 Jot
  - 25 Hidden obstacles
  - 26 Maintain loyalty
  - 29 Delighted
  - 30 Female swine
  - 33 Spirit
  - 34 Couples
  - 35 Bantu language
  - 36 BPOE boy
  - 37 Barbara
  - 38 Peculiar
- DOWN
- 39 Eric's little girl
  - 40 Respiratory organs
  - 41 Bottled spirit
  - 43 O'Hertilly
  - 44 Adherents
  - 45 Stallions
  - 46 Castles
  - 48 Fleet-footed animal
  - 49 Circus
  - 51 Teetered
  - 55 Caesar's freeway
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  - 58 Scotia
  - 59 Jewish month
  - 60 Apportion
  - 61 Scott Decision
  - 62 Magnitude
  - 63 Urged to action
  - 64 Withered
- 4 File
- 5 Willy
  - 6 Diadem
  - 7 Smooth
  - 8 Also
  - 9 Farewell Jap.
  - 10 Hold on tightly
  - 11 Economic setbacks
  - 12 Declare firmly
  - 13 Offers
  - 21 Type
  - 23 Compresses
  - 25 Narrow openings
  - 26 Leading
  - 27 River mouth deposit
  - 28 Swastika: Ger.
  - 29 Groups
  - 31 Song from yesteryear
  - 32 Walks in water
  - 34 Trousers
  - 37 Andrey
  - 40 Falsified
  - 41 Departs
  - 42 Short trips
- 45 Paid attention
- 47 Organist Grant
  - 48 Plow man
  - 49 Baked dishes
  - 50 King of the Huns
  - 51 For men only
  - 52 Had on
  - 53 Always
  - 54 County in Florida
  - 57 Mediaeval language: Abbr.

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- Quran
  - Islamic figures
  - Count of Monto Cristo
  - Science for children
  - Three stooges
  - Religious programme
  - Big Valley
  - Feature (Arabic)
  - Programme review
  - Cartoons
  - Star soccer
  - News in Arabic

## Amman Airport

- 11.00 Kuwait
- 11.30 Cairo (E.A.)
  - 19.00 Kuwait, Dhahran
  - 19.30 Dubai, Karachi
  - 20.30 Teheran
  - 22.55 Doha, Muscat

## Prayer Times

- Fajr 5.00
- Sunrise 6.32
  - Dhuhr 11.53
  - Asr 2.48
  - Maghreb 4.14
  - Ishaa 6.30

## Radio

- [ON 856 KHZ]
- 7.00 Breakfast show.
  - 7.30 News Bulletin
  - 8.00 Pop International
  - 8.30 Listener's choice
  - 10.00 Sign off
  - 12.00 Pop session (part I)
  - 13.00 News Summary
  - 13.03 Pop session (part II)
  - 14.00 News Bulletin
  - 14.10 Break for Music
  - 14.30 Songs
  - 15.00 Classical Music
  - 15.30 Light Instrumentals
  - 16.00 Old Favourites
  - 16.30 Easy listening
  - 17.00 Opera in Germany
  - 17.30 Book Review
  - 18.00 News Summary
  - 18.10 News reports roundup
  - 18.30 Good Vibrations
  - 19.00 News Bulletin
  - 19.10 Songs

## Market Prices

- Apples (Double Red) 200-240
- Apples (Golden) 140-170
  - Apples (Starken) 140-170
  - Beets 50-80
  - Bell Pepper 60-90
  - Bananas 140-170
  - Cabbage 35-60
  - Cauliflower 20-35
  - Carrots (Yellow) 60-80
  - Carrots (Black) 60-80
  - Cucumbers (Small) 240-300
  - Cucumbers (Large) 150-200
  - Eggplant (Large) 50-80
  - Eggplant (Small) 100-130
  - Garlic 50-70
  - Grapefruit 30-50
  - Hot Pepper 200-230
  - Horse Beans 140-180
  - Lemon 70-100
  - Marrow (Small) 200-240
  - Marrow (Large) 100-140
  - Mandarines 150-180
  - Onions 120-150
  - Oranges 40-80
  - Oranges (French) 50-90
  - Oranges (Navel) 50-100
  - Potatoes (Local) 100-130
  - Potatoes (Sweet) 50-70
  - Peas 280-320
  - String Beans 150-190
- Spinach 25-40
- Tangerines 50-70

## Tonight's Emergencies

- DOCTORS :
- Tawfic Qub'ain (44182)
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- PHARMACIES
- Basman (23784)
  - Lubna (44944)
  - Jabal Hussein (38410)
  - Fattaleh (37140)
- TAXIS :
- Hamra (41833)
  - Hussein (21776)
  - University (81001)
  - Annahda (37882)

## Exchange

- Sterling 670-676
- D. Mark 128.5-128.9
  - Swiss Franc 127.3-127.7
  - Lebanese Pound 134.2-136.6
  - Syrian Pound 86.5-86.6
  - Egyptian Pound 470-480
  - Kuwaiti Dinar 1110.7-1120.4
  - Libyan Dinar 710-730

## Tonight's TV Features

- MYSTERY MOVIE
- McCloud: Three Guns For New York
  - McCloud having succeeded in putting in prison three robbers, is pursued by them following their release in the belief that he has the stolen money.
  - 10:15 on both channels
- BIG VALLEY
- Guilty
  - Cowboy kills parish priest. He escapes from prison and hides. Jarrod, believing in his innocence, tries to help him.
  - 11:45 on both channels
- SANDY DUNCAN SHOW
- Importance of Being Ernestine
  - By changing her phone number Sandy is mistakenly taken for a friend of a man who keeps calling her and threatening her with suicide if she continues to refuse to see him.
  - 20:30 on channel 6
- FAMILY AT WAR
- The 48-Hour Pass
  - May 1941. The Liverpool bombing continues and the Ashtons are directly affected. David has 48 hours to spend with his wife but the air raids spoil the reunion. Margaret, with happiness at last in sight, is certainly not immune.
  - 21:10 on channel 6

## Austrian, Soviet victories top first day of Winter Olympics

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 5, (AFP). — Hans Klammer, a 23-year-old farmer's son feared in the skiing world for being oblivious to risk, highlighted the first full day of 12th Winter Olympics by scorching to victory in his speciality, the men's downhill.

Klammer, who had left his aerodynamic "miracle skis" behind, trusting to the classical variety, pushed defending champion Bernhard Russi of Switzerland and Italy's Herbert Plank into the silver and bronze placings.

This earned him ample revenge for the disqualification of compatriot Karl Schranz. Schranz, the only man near capable of dethroning Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy, the hero of the 1968 games, was disqualified for "professionalism."

Klammer, winner of no less than 12 of the last 16 world ski cup downhill races, scorched down the Patscherkofel run here in 1 min., 45.73 sec., in perfect control despite his dare-devil tactics, to head off Russi, who was ahead on the clocks at the half-way mark, by 33/100ths of a second.

Russi, outskied by Klammer over the last half of today's race run in brilliant sunshine, timed 1 min. 46.06 sec., and Plank came home, in 1 min. 46.59 sec.

Italy's top hope, Gustavo FNLA chief

((Continued from page 1)) controlled territories? Go and see Savimbi's (Jonas Savimbi, leader of the Union for Total Independence, UNITA) set-up in the south and then come back and talk to me."

Mr Roberto said the Soviets would be "damned fools" to give up Southern Africa and the Cape sea route "seeing it is going for free."

He told the paper that arms depots for Angola had been established in Congo, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde Islands and probably Algeria.

He refuted allegations that former Portuguese secret police were in the FNLA ranks and asked why the Portuguese Armed Forces Movement, after the April 25 revolution, had made an agreement with the South Africans that let them into Angola in the first place.

## Algeria, Morocco agree

((Continued from page 1)) negotiations. Observers here said that the hectic Egyptian involvement in the mediation was intended to counter-balance Syria's success in negotiating a ceasefire in Lebanon last month.

In Madrid Spain assured the United Nations today of its co-operation on the Western Sahara crisis and its support for efforts by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to avoid a fight there between Algeria and Morocco, informed sources said.

The sources said Foreign Minister Jose Maria de Arellano gave the assurance when he met Dr. Waldheim's special envoy on the Sahara, Mr. Olof Rydbeck, here today.

Mr. Rydbeck, Swedish Ambassador to the U.N., called in Madrid on his way to the Sahara to make a first hand assessment.

The latest mediation mission undertaken by Mr. Rydbeck seems to be confined to brief visits to Madrid and El Aaiun, and is expected to produce nothing new.

Morocco has stated categorically that it regards the Saha-

Thoeni, desperate to take combined (slalom, special slalom and downhill) overall honours at these Games, could only finish a disappointing 26th, despite being inarguably the best all round skier of his generation.

Klammer's success, before a crowd of 70,000, overshadowed the performance of Soviet Red Army officer Sergei Savaliev, who took the gold in the

### Judge Sirica suffers heart attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 — (AFP). — Judge John Sirica, 71, who presided over the Nixon administration Watergate trials, was rushed to hospital here today after suffering a heart attack.

A hospital spokesman said the judge was "in critical condition."

### French-Somali

((Continued from page 1)) nister said "for us, the incident is closed," but added that if Mogadishu followed through its complaint, then France would reactivate its own move to the Security Council.

Mr Sauvagnargues also accused Somalia of encouraging or giving tacit backing to FLCS terrorists. Independence for Djibouti (the French territory of Afars and Issas) "must not lead to annexation (by Somalia)," the Minister said.

Earlier today police and troop reinforcements had left Paris for Djibouti to boost security forces in the French overseas territory of Afars and Issas, an informed source said.

Altogether one Boeing 747 and three Boeing 707s—all of Air France—took off from Roissy airport, north of Paris, and Orly to the south, the source said.

More than 800 personnel were thought to be on board.

Meanwhile it was reported in Paris that a seven-year-old French boy, Frank Butkowski, was snatched and taken over the border into Somalia yesterday after French forces stormed a school bus where Somali nationalists were holding 30 French children hostage.

ra problem as settled and nothing more to do with the United Nations.

Algeria, on the other hand, wants to reopen the U.N. debate on the issue.

### Franjieh, Karami

((Continued from page 1)) Since the two-week ceasefire took hold, some 6,000 people have arrived back here by air, the sources said.

In an interview published in Beirut today, the Lebanese army commander, Major-General Hanna Saeed, was quoted as saying that about 600 soldiers had deserted the army during the civil war.

Several hundred troops were reported to have deserted from the 18,000-man army last month in the Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon, led by Lieutenant Ahmed Al-Khatib who announced the formation of a "Lebanese Arab Army."

General Saeed told the weekly magazine Al-Hawadess that only 30 soldiers deserted with Lieutenant Khatib and that people had "made a mountain out of a molehill" over the affair.

men's 30 km nordic ski cross country race, and compatriot Galina Stepankaya, who won the women's 1,500 meters speed skating event, giving the Soviets the edge in medal standings.

Savaliev, a 28-year-old from Siberia's snowy wastes, struck gold in nordic ski's short haul test in the time of 1 hr., 30 min., 29.38 sec. ahead of William Koch, who gained for the United States its first Olympic nordic ski medal.

On the muscle-tearing Seefeld course, Savaliev worked his way through the field from fourth place, after the third way mark, to first, to head off the ever-powerful Scandinavian challenge. In the end, the Soviets placed four in the top ten.

Koch timed 1 hr., 30 min., 57.84 sec. and third placed Ivan Garanin, also of the USSR, 1 hr., 31 min., 09.9 sec.

Meanwhile the United States scored a second silver as their athletic little brunette student Sheila Young, basically a sprinter, came within half a second of Miss Stepankaya in the women's 1,500 meters speed skating final.

Miss Stepankaya, a 27-year-old Leningrad student, beat out the two favourites, Miss Young and team-mate and world record holder Tatiana Averina, to time 2 min., 16.58 sec.

Miss Young, who really has her sights on tomorrow's 500 meters sprint event, won the first Olympic medal of her long career with the time of 2 min., 17.06 sec.

## Guatemala earthquake

((Continued from page 1)) temala City, where the confirmed death toll was said to be 800. But the full horror of the quake may not be revealed until rescue workers reach towns wiped out in the country's isolated northern and eastern regions.

Survivors in quake-stricken areas of the remote interior were without food, medicine or drinking water, relief officials said.

In Washington tonight, White House press spokesman Ron Nessen announced that President Gerald Ford had ordered a military mission immediately into Guatemala to estimate the extent of the disaster and to suggest how the United States could as quickly as possible aid the catastrophe victims.

In Guatemala City today the Red Cross announced it urgently needed plasma, serum, medical and surgical equipment, tents and blankets to aid the many disaster victims.

In Geneva the Confederation of Red Cross Societies announced an emergency appeal for the Guatemala people whose needs, it said, are "immense."

Four Guatemala villages were reportedly totally destroyed by the quakes and 40 per cent of their population — some 25,000 people — are reported "missing." The towns were Poyaba and Poyaba respectively 140 and 150 kms to the west of the capital.

The two others badly hit were San Antonio and San Juan Sacatepeque, each some 130 kms northwest of Guatemala City.

The situation was made worse by a shortage of immediate supplies available in the country and by a complete breakdown in the communications system.

Hundreds of thousands of homeless, fear-stricken people camped in the streets of Guatemala City today.



GOLD FOR KLAMMER. — Austrian Franz Klammer is shown on his way to winning the gold medal in Friday's men's downhill skiing competition at the Innsbruck Winter Olympics.

## Indian opposition leader says 100,000 are prisoners

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5, (AFP). — There are 100,000 political prisoners in India, the chief opposition spokesman in the Upper House of Parliament said today, adding that up to 5,000 of them had been arrested in the southern state of Tamil Nadu in the past five days.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi last Saturday dismissed the state government in Tamil Nadu (formerly called Madras), one of two states in India not controlled by her Congress Party.

Socialist leader Narayan Ganesh Gorey, leader of the Janatra Front which now groups

the five opposition parties, said reports from Madras, the state capital, today put the number of arrests since presidential rule was ordered there "in the order of nine or 10,000."

Referring to the dissolution of the state government, seven months after the nationwide state of emergency, Mr Gorey said "we never thought this type of emergency would be imposed and that the rules of democracy would be abolished."

He deplored the way the Congress Party had begun attacking opposition parties in Gujarat, now the sole among 22 states where the Congress Party is in the minority.

The imposition of presidential rule in Tamil Nadu was "a very serious erosion of the federal structures in our country," he said.

## Cod war continues

((Continued from page 1)) in Anglo-Icelandic talks aimed at ending the continuing cod war between the two nations, that Britain would send Royal Navy frigates to the area in the event of any new incidents.

Meanwhile, Icelandic Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson was quoted on Danish radio as hinting that his country would break off diplomatic relations with Britain if Royal Navy frigates penetrated the island's fishing zones.

The Iceland coastguard reported that today's incident occurred in a zone, totally forbidden to all fishing boats, which has been established for the refurbishing of fish stocks.

## Capucci protests

((Continued from page 1)) arms and explosives into Israel for Fateh.

Since then the prelate has gone on several hunger strikes to protest his imprisonment and the harsh conditions under which he is being held. His ailing health has drawn attention to his cause and efforts are underway to secure his release.

The Greek Catholic Archbishop has been on a limited hunger strike since last Thursday, the prison commissioner said today.

## Group of 77 makes progress on 3rd World commodity pact

MANILA, Feb. 5, (AFP). — "Manila Declaration" out the Third World's targets for a new international economic order. The developing countries attending the Group of 77 ministerial conference have achieved "progress" in talks to finalise a list of goods to be covered by the Third World's proposed integrated commodity programme, it was announced today.

The conference Secretary General, Philippine Foreign Under Secretary Manuel Collantes, told a news conference that the list now being drawn up was "satisfactory," but declined to give any details.

However, other conference sources said agreement had been reached at committee level to include at least ten commodities, including sugar, tin, rubber, bauxite, jute and hard fibers, on a list that would be "representative."

Mr Collantes said the conference, which began four days ago, had emphasised two main points in its general debate. One was the need to strengthen the negotiating machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The 108-nation group is meeting here to prepare common strategy for the fourth UNCTAD session, scheduled for next May in Nairobi, Kenya.

The other point, he said, was the need for economic cooperation among developing countries on the basis of the concept of "collective self-reliance."

The Philippines meanwhile became the first country to commit itself to making a contribution to a common fund proposed to finance the commodity programme. President Ferdinand Marcos promised 50 million dollars, and urged other Third World countries to follow his example.

The conference, which has been prolonged by one day and is now slated to end by noon on Saturday, is to adopt a

## Lockheed scan rocks Japan's Liberal-Democratic

TOKYO, Feb. 5, (R). — closures in the Americanate about huge payments Lockheed Aircraft Corp to a shadowy but powerful rightist in Tokyo shadow conservative establishment day in election year Japan.

A U.S. Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations yesterday released a Lockheed payments which included \$ 7,085,000 to a politician Yoshio Kodama \$ 3,223,000 to the M corporation, a major Japanese trading house which has as agents for Lockheed.

The committee heard Marubeni representatives received money which subsequently used to pay ment officials and operatives of Japanese airlines as agents for Lockheed.

Japan's domestic All Airways placed an order Lockheed Tristars in a meeting between U.S. President Nixon and former Japanese Premier Kakuei Tanaka.

Japanese government have been told to expect questioning from social representative Yanosuke I when the Lower House Committee meets row.

Other opposition parties are also expected to launch assaults against the Liberal-Democratic Party currently fighting to its position against and communist advance.

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